

June 20, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communication Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Merger Proposal for AT&T and T-Mobile

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As the mayor of Arizona's 3<sup>rd</sup>-largest city, and one of the largest metropolitan areas in the nation, I have a deep interest in harnessing the power of technology and innovation to improve the quality of life for our citizens.

One issue that could be a game changer in the telecommunications arena is the proposed \$39 billion merger of AT&T and T-Mobile, which would bring numerous benefits to our part of the country. Mesa residents will be part of the 55 million additional Americans who can benefit from access to 4G LTE technology because of the merger. In Arizona, this means that 1 million additional state residents can enjoy super-fast, 4G technology. The plans to increase broadband access and improve current infrastructure will provide new business opportunities here in Mesa and across America.

Technological advances are happening at a rapid pace, almost daily. This merger will continue that trend, while enhancing opportunities for consumers everywhere.

Internet access is no longer a luxury, but a critical necessity in a global, competitive world. We have concluded that the benefits of this proposal mean a better future for our residents. We anxiously await the potential service, performance and access to the next generation of innovation.

Sincerely,



Scott Smith  
Mayor

